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SUBJECT: TROPICAL PRODUCTS MEETING FEB. 16-20

1. RECEIVED GATT/AIR 1257 ANNOUNCING NEXT MEETING OF
TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP WILL BE HELD DURING THE PERIOD
FEB 16 - 20 COMMENCING 3 PM, MONDAY FEB 16 AT
THE PALAIS DES NATIONS. EXCERPTS FOLLOW, NONESSENTIAL
ITEMS OMMITED.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: AS AGREED AT ITS LAST MEETING (MTN/TP/4,
PARA 12), THE GROUP IS EXPECTED TO: (A) REVIEW THE
PROGRESS MADE IN THE CONSULTATIONS ON THE REQUEST LISTS
WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING AND
EXAMINING THE REQUESTS SUBMITTED AND ALSO FOR PROVIDING
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SUBSTANTIVE PRELIMINARY REACTIONS; (B)
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TAKE A DECISION ON THE QUESTION OF THE CIRCULATION OF OFFERS

AND THE FORMAT; (C) CONSIDER ANY QUESTIONS COVERED BY PARAGRAPHS 1(V), 1(IX) AND 2(III) OF THE GUIDELINES RELATING TO SPECIAL AND PRIORITY TREATMENT, MULTILATERAL ACTION AND THE TAKING ACCOUNT OF SOLUTIONS PROPOSED IN GROUP 3(F) RESPECTIVELY; (D) TAKE UP ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR CARRYING FORWARD THE NEGOTIATIONS ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF SECURING THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONCESSIONS ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS.

AS BACKGROUND FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF POINT (A), A NOTE OF THE STATUS OF CONSULTATIONS IS BEING CIRCULATED TO PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES FOR INFORMATION. WITH REGARD TO POINT (B), A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ON THIS SUBJECT AT THE LAST MEETING. IN THIS RESPECT, THE GROUP HAS BEFORE IT A BACKGROUND NOTE (MTN/TP/W/6) SUMMARIZING, INTER ALIA, PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH OFFERS IN EARLIER GATT ROUNDS OF NEGOTIATIONS. DELEGATIONS MAY HAVE SOME COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE IN CONNEXION WITH POINTS (C) AND (D) IN THE LIGHT OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS WHICH MAY BE RELEVANT TO THESE MATTERS. UNQUOTE. CULBERT

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